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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Wood



Sparks fly

Airmen from the 31st Maintenance Squadron metals technology shop conduct welding operations here April 8. Metals technology Airmen provide metal working and fabrication support for the 510th and 555th Fighter Squadrons.

Flybys

Base Wide Yard Sale

The next base-wide yard sale is April 18 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Aviano High School Multi Purpose Room in Area 1. The Thrift Shop's new location is in Area 2, Building 224, across from the fitness center.

Motorcycle Rodeo

The wing safety office hosts the second annual Aviano Motorcycle Rodeo April 20. The all-day event, which is mandatory for all base motorcyclists, kicks off at 8 a.m. with a pre-season briefing followed by individual motorcycle inspections, a slow race competition, obstacle course, drunk goggle bicycle race, local rides and lunch. There will also be door prizes and awards given out. For more information, call 632-7476.

Rabbit Roundup

The wing safety office hosts a "Rabbit Roundup" April 20 starting at 8 a.m. Participants will meet at the park-

ing lot outside of Zulu Loop near the back gate and work together to catch as many rabbits as possible by herding them into nets placed in the center of the airfield. The rabbits will be released off base into the wild.

Military members should wear ABUs, BDUs or flight suits. Civilians are encouraged to wear bright colored clothing and noise makers are encouraged. Pets are not allowed.

For more information, call 632-8523.

Post office hours

The base post office will extend the hours for parcel pickup from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22 to May 5 for the upcoming inspection. The finance counter will observe its usual hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday as it cannot change the outgoing flights and security measures of the Venice Marco Polo Airport.

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Two simple words: 'Thank you'

By Maj. Bill Ping

31st Contracting Squadron commander

I recall many years ago a sage senior NCO asking a group of young Airmen which of them had the most important job in the Air Force.

Many raised their hands to express the importance of their specific function to the mission and to declare they had the most important job in the Air Force. When all was said and done, the senior NCO reminded each Airman that no one function is more important than the other.

During a recent keynote address, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz reinforced that no one Airman has a greater value to the collective mission than another.

Too often, Airmen feel their contributions to the mission go unnoticed and feel they have a thankless job. Whether you're a civil engineer and hear complaints about the heat or air conditioning not working; you're a finance customer support representative who hears complaints about people's pay and allowances not being correct; you're a maintainer who fixes aircraft, but the

age of our fleet keeps them coming back; or you're in security forces and battle the boredom and the weather to keep our base secure, most of us do our jobs day in and day out -- getting complaints and rarely receiving thanks.

Ultimately, we do our jobs with integrity, excellence, dedication and pride. We know we are an important part of the mission, and we recognize that if we fail to do our jobs, it would adversely impact our wing's ability to conduct and support air operations in Europe's southern region and to maintain munitions for NATO. Yet, it's easy for others to perceive many functions as obstacles rather than part of the whole that makes Aviano Air Base great.

When people go to get an ID card or a soggiorno, it's easy to think of the Airmen behind the counter as imped-

ing us with restrictions, instead of thinking of them as experts who are there to guide us through requirements put in place by higher authorities.

Aviano's Mountain View Lodge receives much deserved recognition for outstanding quality and support, so often so the Air Force should rename the Innkeeper Award simply the Aviano. But would they have received such prestigious recognition if the telephones and internet did not work? If the trash didn't get picked up? If there were no clean linens? How hard would the staff work if they didn't get paid?

Communications Airmen and civilians maintain the phones and internet services for optimal connections.

Civil engineering maintains the buildings. Contracting placed the refuse and laundry services on contract. Finance ensures personnel get paid. Force Support Squadron personnel man the desk 24 hours a day to check people in and out, answer questions and address concerns. The next time you're in billeting, think about all of the unrecognized people who make your stay comfortable.

The next time you're scheduling your shipment at the travel management office, recognize that person for taking care of such an important part of your move. When someone from the 31st Communications Squadron fixes your computer or telephone, thank them for giving you the tools to do your job. The next time you drive through the gate, thank the defender who vigilantly stands guard during inclement weather, so the rest of us can feel secure.

Thank those around the base in thankless jobs, because each person contributes to the safety, welfare and comfort of others. We all collectively contribute to defending our nation and our allies around the world -- protecting our families, our friends, our neighbors and especially those in thankless but integral jobs. I would like to extend a big thank you to each and every Airman for doing your part.

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Flybys

ASOA umpires needed

The Aviano Sports Officials Association is looking for anyone interested in umpiring or score-keeping during the upcoming softball and baseball season. Those interested should call William DeAngel at 632-7552/7222 or e-mail William.deangel@aviano.af.mil.

University hiring

The University of Phoenix is hiring adjunct faculty in Aviano for the MBA programs. Qualified candidates must have an MBA (or related degree)

and five or more years of professional experience in a related field. Special focus is placed on individuals qualified to teach economics, accounting, finance, law, statistics, human resources, marketing, or operations/logistics. Adjunct faculty members teach on a contracted basis. For more information, e-mail dfraynell@email.phoenix.edu.

Breastfeeding class

The 31st Medical Group offers a Breastfeeding Basics Class the second Tuesday of the month from 4:30-6:30

p.m. at the life skills classroom in Area 1, Building 108. Call 632-5863 to sign-up.

AADD volunteers

Aviano Airmen Against Drunk Driving is looking for volunteers to be designated drivers and “shotgun” riders to ride along with the driver as a wingman. The program runs Fridays and Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. out of Building 1467 in Area F. To volunteer, call Airman Monica Johnson at 632-7216.

La Dolce Vita

0434-30-8206, DSN 632-8206 | Flightline,
Bldg. 1412

Expanded Flight Kitchen Grab-n-Go

11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Open for military personnel in
uniform

Deployed Spouses Meal

April 23, 6-8 p.m.

EMS Birthday Meal

May 12, 6-8 p.m.

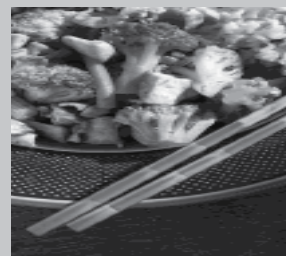


Buon Appetito

0434-30-5166,
DSN 632-5166 |
Area 2, Bldg. 248

Mongolian BBQ

April 21 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Youth Programs

0434-30-7575, DSN 632-7575 | Area 1, Bldg. 116



Kids Night Out

May 1, 6:30-10:00 p.m.
1st-6th Grade
\$8 YP/ \$10 Non YP Members
Deadline to Register: April 29

America's Kid Run

May 16
At Dragon Fitness Center Track
5 years of age or older.
For more information please
contact Youth Programs. You can
register online at
www.americaskidsrun.org



Skate Party

April 24, 7-11 p.m.
Ages 9+
\$10 YP mbrs/\$15 non-mbrs
Deadline to register: April 23

One Page at a Time

The One Page at a Time
Program is a no-cost reading
motivation program for children
ages 5-13. To be eligible for
consideration the books must
be read anytime between
December 15 and April 17.

HRO

0434-30-5747, DSN 632-5747 | Area 2, Bldg. 256

Arts & Crafts Center

Sales Clerk

Auto Skills Center

Automotive Worker, Sales Clerk

Aviano Youth Program

Child and Youth Program
Assistant, Cook

Bowling Center

Cook, Cashier Checker,
Bartender, Operations Clerk,
Recreation Aid

Child Development Center

Child and Youth Development
Program Assistant

ITT

Recreation Aid (Tours)

www.usafejobs.com

La Bella Vista Club

Bartender, Club Operations
Assistant, Materials Handler,
Waiter, Cook, Cashier, Food
Service Worker

Mountain View Lodging

Custodial Worker

Outdoor Recreation Center

Recreation Aid, Recreation Aid -
Pool (Temp)

School Age Program

Child and Youth Program Assistant

Wood Skills Center

Recreation Assistant

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AVIANO CLUB DUES

E1-E4...\$3 E5-E9...\$8 OFFICER & NSPS...\$10

	Savings
SUNDAY BRUNCH x2.....	\$4
MEMBERSHIP NIGHT.....	\$5
OIL CHANGED.....	\$5
ITT TRIP FOR FAMILY.....	\$10
MONGOLIAN BBQ x2.....	\$4
BOUNCY CASTLE AT ODR.....	\$10
FAMILY SEASON POOL PASS.....	\$10

Monthly Savings: **\$48**

AUTO HOBBY

SAVE \$5 OFF OIL CHANGE

ARTS & CRAFTS

SAVE \$3 OFF FRAMING

BOWLING CENTER

SAVE \$1.75-FREE SHOES

ITT

SAVE \$10 OFF/FAM & \$5/OFF INDIV TRIP

GOLF COURSE

SAVE \$3 OFF 18 HOLE GOLF CART RENTAL

SAVE \$20 OFF ANNUAL GREEN FEES

OUTDOOR RECREATION

SAVE \$5 OFF WEEKEND BIKE & SKI RENTAL

SAVE \$10 OFF BOUNCY CASTLE RENTAL

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AIR FORCE WIDE CLUB BENEFITS

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SAVE \$1 OFF LUNCH-ITALIAN MENSA

SAVE 10% OFF PRIVATE CATERING

*Airman ToCents Knows
A Good Deal When
He Sees One!*





Photo by Senior Airman Liliana Moreno

Frecce Tricolori practices over Aviano skies

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Frecce Tricolori aerial demonstration team will be entertaining the masses April 21 at approximately 10 a.m. as it practices over the skies of Aviano Air Base in preparation for an upcoming airshow.

The Italian Air Force aerobatic team, officially known as the 313 Gruppo Addestramento Acrobatico, will be performing in an air show at its home station, Rivolto Air Base, Italy, near Udine (about one hour north of Venice) on May 1.

The team includes nine Aermacchi MB-339 PAN two-seater fighter training aircraft that are capable of traveling at about 898 kilometers-per-hour at sea-level, and an additional solo aircraft.

Based out of the Friuli Venezia Giulia province, the team has been wowing crowds since 1961 with a show that consists of 18 high-speed, acrobatic maneuvers, including an Italian green, white and red smoke-filled finale.

The team last performed at Aviano during its June 2007 air show along with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

For directions to the team's upcoming show, visit www.aeronautica.difesa.it/SitoAM/Default.asp?idex=3628&idarg=3415&idente=246#English.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Doza

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Visit www.aeronautica.difesa.it for more information on the Frecce Tricolori and to see the team's 2009 schedule.

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L'AEROPLANO - AIRCRAFT

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la cabina • cabin

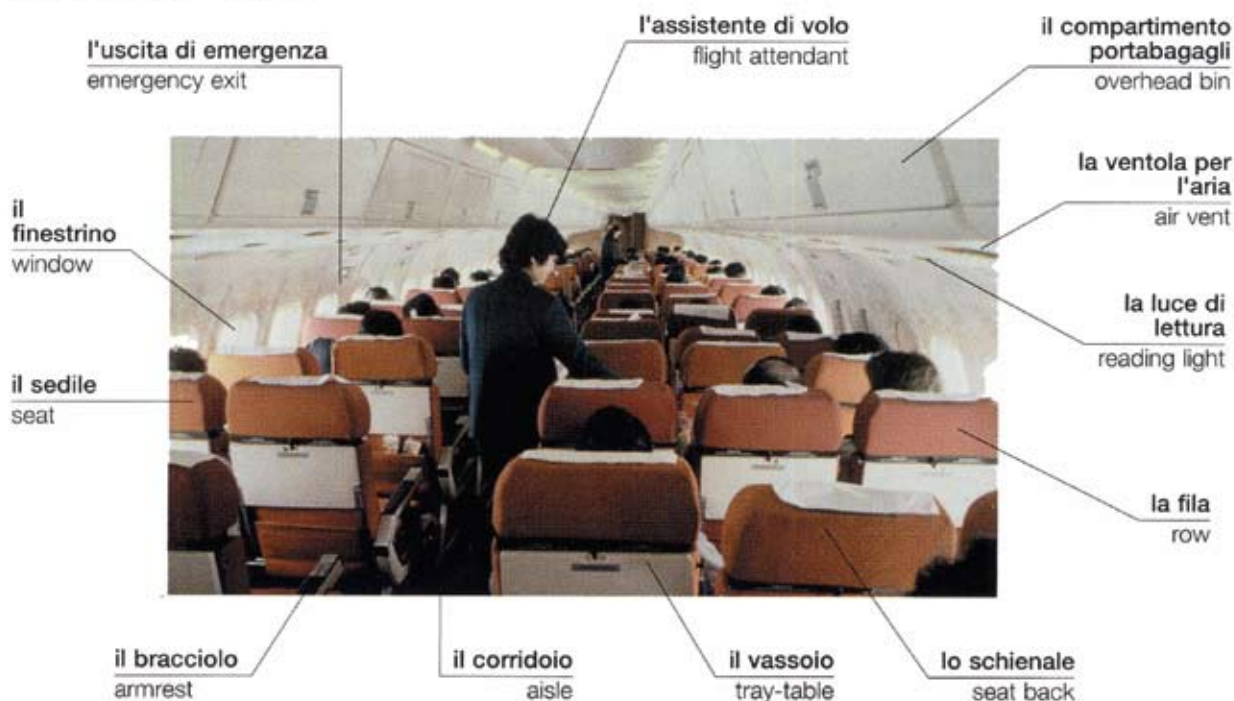


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Alpine Golf Course

0434-30-7386, DSN 632-7386 | Flightline, Bldg. 1391

Family Golf Sundays

Every week at 2 p.m. discounted rates for green fees and rental fees are offered. This part of the golf week is reserved for families and pace of play will be relaxed for the program participants. Tee time reservations for the upcoming weekend may be made starting at 7 a.m. the Wednesday prior.

Base Golf Championship

April 25 & 26
Open to all authorized base personnel. For more information contact Alpine Golf Course.

BE SURE TO DROP BY AND
RENEW YOUR ANNUAL GREEN
FEES AFTER APRIL 1

FREE

Ladies' Morning Clinic
April 16, 10-11 a.m.

Monthly Junior Clinic
April 18, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Afternoon Lessons
(Nike Demo Day)**
April 25, 1-2 p.m.

Ladies' Afternoon Clinic
April 30, 2-3 p.m.

Community Center

0434-30-5479, DSN 632-5479, DSN 632-5479 | Area 1, Bldg. 106

SPRING CONCERT

April 17, 7 p.m.

XBOX Halo 3 Tournament

May 1, 6:30 p.m.

Dog Obedience Classes

May 7 - June 18

There are 3 different time frames for the classes 5-8 p.m. Contact the Community Center for more information.



Italian I

April 21 - June 9
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Italian II

April 14 - June 2
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Flea Market

May 30, 11 a.m.

Battle of the Bands

July 4, 3 p.m.
In the Fest Tent at Freedom Park
\$50 entrance fee, \$500 to the winners
Deadline to enter: June 1

Information, Tickets and Travel

0434-30-3107/5026, DSN 632-3107/5026 | Area 1, Bldg. 110

Pisa and Bologna

April 25 \$79

Croatia By Boat

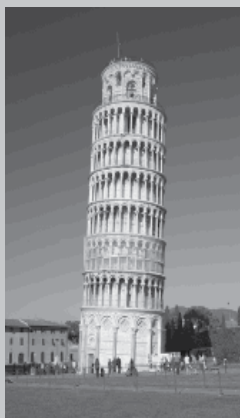
April 25 \$94

Historic Train from Gorizia to Lake Bled, Slovenia

April 26 \$149

Guided Florence

May 2 \$89



Gardaland Amusement Park

May 2 \$79

Rome Express

May 2 \$89

Venice by Train & Gondola Ride

May 9 \$69

Guided Verona & Medieval Times

May 9 \$89

Guided Zagreb

May 9 \$69

Auto Hobby Shop

0434-30-2277, DSN 632-CARS (2277) | Flight Line, Bldg. 1464



Vehicle Safety Training

April 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Learn how to "KEEP" your vehicle in tip-top safety conditions. We are offering a "BASIC SAFETY INSPECTION" at no cost. Subjects: checking fluid levels, belts, tires for proper tread wear, inflation, wiper blades, lights, safety equipment and more.

CAMP DARBY

DESTINATION OF CHOICE: MONTECATINI



Story and photos by Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Montecatini Terme is home to modern and luxurious thermal centers and spas. For hundreds of years, European doctors have sent patients to these thermal centers to take advantage of the rejuvenating waters, mud baths and massages.

According to Dr. Massimo Giovanetti, Terme di Montecatini, service members and families can take advantage of their time in

Europe and enjoy these health and relaxation treatments with an on site physician who can recommend health restorations therapies.

"Our saline-sulfate-alkaline hot waters, Leopoldina, Tettuccio and Rinfresco, all have properties that can restore normal bowel functions, reduce cholesterol levels and help the liver," said Dr. Giovanetti. "If you've been visiting the museums in nearby Florence, there is nothing like massage-physiotherapy to help ones muscles and tendons feel better."

He added that there are more than

nine major spas in Montecatini for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Visit www.montecatiniturismo.it for more information in English. The spa's site www.termemontecatini.it is not in English currently.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Montecatini Terme spas are only a 35-minute drive east of Camp Darby off the autostrade A11/12 toward Florence. Take the Montecatini exit and follow the signs to the center.



Plan your Tuscan dream vacation at
www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Fitness & Sports Center

0434-30-7459, DSN 632-7459 | Flightline, Bldg. 1405

0434-30-7574, DSN 632-7574 | Area 2, Bldg. 240

Biggest Winner Finale

(Weight Loss Competition)

April 25 9 a.m.

The winners will be announced

Volleyball Tournament

April 25

6 on 6 tournament, awards

presented to the top 3 finishers.

Get your team together and sign up

NLT April 23.

Family Fitness Time

Area 2 Fitness Center

Every Tuesday & Thursday

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Batting Cages are NOW Open

Hours of operation Mon-Fri 5 a.m.-11 p.m.,

Weekends 7 a.m.- 11 p.m.,

Holidays and Down Days 7 a.m.-7p.m.

Helmets and bats (free of charge)

Tokens (vending machine)

1 token = \$1

15 balls for 1 token

2009 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Mountain Bike and Road Cycling Series

April 18-19

For more info contact

Neville.besignach@aviano.af.mil or call 632-7459.

Airman and Family Readiness

0434-30-5407, DSN 632- 5407| Flightline, Bldg. 1431



Sponsorship Training

April 20, 2-3 p.m.

The training reviews the basic requirements of sponsorship and provides useful resources to better assist the newcomer.

Key Spouse Training

April 21, 9-11 a.m.

This training will focus on key spouse roles & responsibilities, available resources, and maintaining family contact sheets.

Air Force Assistance Fund Drive

March 9- April 20

Please donate to the Air Force Official Charity: Air Force Aid Society. Airmen helping airmen. If you are interested in donating please contact your unit representative.

Basic Financial Planning & Investing

April 21, 2-4p.m.

This money management class includes goal setting, financial planning, credit reports, and debt management. Individuals leave the class with important tools necessary to become financially sound.

Civilian Personnel Office

0434-30-7307, DSN 632-7307| Flightline, Bldg. 600

31 FW Summer Employment Program

The Summer Hire Employment Program is opened to unmarried students, 14-22 years old (high school and college), who are family members of active duty military or self-sponsored civilians employed by a government agency. Applicants must be U. S. citizens.

Electronic application packages are available at the Civilian Personnel Element's Summer

Hire 2009 link for Part-time and Full-time employment. The Summer Employment

Program will run from June 22-August 14. The application package consists of a

number of documents that must be completed electronically, printed out, signed, and

submitted to 31 FSS/FCMS, Area E, Bldg 600, NLT close of business on May 15. For more information contact Nicole Boffman at 632-7307

There are exciting jobs with a great future awaiting you. Check out the job opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Great benefits: Job security, a great retirement plan, sick leave, annual leave and 10 Federal holidays. To better understand working for the federal government go to: http://opm.gov/video_library/Recruitment/index.asp

La Bella Vista Club

0434-30-4303, DSN 632-4303 | Flightline, Bldg. 1404

Monthly Texas Hold'em

April 18, 6 p.m.
Club Member: \$10

German Night

April 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m.



Soup & Salad Buffet Grand Opening

April 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Jonalee White Concert (AFE)

May 8, 8 p.m.
Outside of La Bella Vista
Open to all

Child Development Center

0434-30-8246, DSN 632-8246 |

Area 1, Bldg. 174

0434-30-5199, DSN 632-5199 |

Flightline, Bldg. 1476

Parents Night Out

May 1, 6:30-10 p.m.

CDC Flightline 632-5199; Cost \$12 per child. Deadline to register: April 29

Give Parents A Break

May 15, 6:30-11 p.m.

CDC Area 1 632-8246; By referral or \$3 an hour. Deadline to register: April 15

Part Day Enrichment Program 2009-2010

May 4-8, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Eligible Participants: Children ages 3 to 4 years of age by 1 September 09. He/She must be fully potty trained. For more information on the new selection process contact Flightline CDC.

Outdoor Recreation

0434-30-8623, DSN 632-8623 |

Flightline, Bldg. 1479

Slovenia White Water Rafting Trip

April 25

Ages: 14+/Cost: \$65 per person

Riva Del Garda Mountain Biking Trip

April 30 - May 3

Age: 14+/Cost: \$175

Arts & Crafts

0434-30-2989, DSN 632-2989 | Flightline, Bldg. 1464

Jewelry Making Class

Every Tuesday and Thursday
10-11:30 a.m.

Come create a necklace, earrings and bracelet. Cost is \$40 per each 1 1/2 hour class

Calling All Artists & Crafters

Instructors are needed. Have fun sharing your field of expertise and earn money at the same time.

Frame Shop Class

April 15, 10:30 a.m.

April 22, 3:30 p.m.

April 25, 11:30 a.m.

THE FRAME SHOP WILL BE
CLOSED APRIL 18.



Wood Block Printing

First three Wednesdays
of the month 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Learn the exciting and ancient
art of wood block printing.

Class is three sessions.

Cost: \$60 plus supplies

Frame Shop Customer Appreciation Day

April 24, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Come by and save 10% off all
orders placed and paid for that
day! Coffee and snacks will be
provided.

Bowling Center

0434-30-7487, DSN 632-7487 | Area 1, Bldg. 179

Quarter-Cosmic Night

Every Tuesday 5-9 p.m.

\$5 to Cosmic Bowl, \$0.25 for
everything else and for selected
menu items.

Karaoke

April 25, 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Bowling Classes

Now taking sign-ups for May
classes contact the bowling
center for more information.



Intramural Bowling Sign-Ups

April 22, 6 p.m.

Interest meeting on intramural
begins. Sign up today.

Five Buck Thursday

All day Thursday bowl for
three hours for \$5.
Shoe rental included.

Cosmic Bowling

Every Friday and Saturday
9 p.m.-midnight

Reservations are accepted
at noon the day of.